

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 253  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and applaud Coach Jamie Jordan and the Hendersonville High School Golden Girls dance team on their remarkable performance in national competition.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to the State of Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, the Hendersonville High School dance program is renowned for its perennial nature as a bastion of extraordinary athletic facility and competitive stature in the world of high school dance teams; and

WHEREAS, the Hendersonville High School Golden Girls achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2003 season; and

WHEREAS, in the Universal Dance Association's National Championship competition in Orlando, Florida, this remarkable dance team placed ninth in a field of 57 teams in the pom division and third out of 55 teams in the new hip-hop division; as a result, the Golden Girls will be featured on ESPN; and

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WHEREAS, while perhaps preferring the hip-hop style, the team performs a variety of dance routines, including jazz, country and lyrical, at basketball games and pep rallies, dazzling crowds with their strength and grace; and

WHEREAS, the Hendersonville High School dance team includes members Lindsay Galloway, Emily Peters, Emily Smith, Abby Sherrill, Laura Davidson, Erin Preston, Sarah Myers, Meghan Mir, Mary Kathryn Rogers, Meredith Wetherill, Bailey Driver, Ashley Herod, Rachael Kant, April Lindley, Lindsey Bliven and Lisa Panknin, all of whom contributed significantly to the team's success; and

WHEREAS, a Golden Girl alumna, Coach Jamie Jordan has devoted several remarkable years to the cultivation of the dance program at Hendersonville High School and laid the groundwork for this successful season by sharing with the young women on the team her substantial knowledge of dance, her many years of experience and her passion both for dancing and for excellence in every endeavor; and

WHEREAS, a former captain of the Golden Girls and the current Captain of the University of Memphis dance team, Jessami Jacobson skillfully choreographed the award-winning hip-hop routine to incorporate team members' special talents; and

WHEREAS, the Golden Girls of Hendersonville High School epitomize all that is good in today's student-athlete, as they have achieved a premier level of success in competition while showing the highest degree of character both on and off the dance floor; and

WHEREAS, they have inspired the student body and united the entire Hendersonville community in completing their triumphal run through the 2003 season; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic and talent of this group of young women not only made possible a championship dance season, but also surely bode well for their success in every future enterprise; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the Hendersonville High School Golden Girls for their outstanding performance in the Universal

Dance Association's National Championship and for serving as examples of the exceptional quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we do hereby honor and congratulate Coach Jamie Jordan and the Hendersonville High School Golden Girls on their exceptional legacy, their individual and collective resolve and their extraordinary 2003 season.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.